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- 1 A. That is correct.
- Q. When did you start working for Garcia?
- 3 A. 1947.
- 4 Q. And how long did you work there?
- 5 A. 1968, '67, '68. I forget. I'm just
- 6 guessing, now. That might be wrong.
- 7 Q. Was it about 20 years, though?
- 8 A. Well, I worked there longer than that. 23
- 9 years --
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. -- by gosh, to be exact.
- 12 Q. All right. Now, was that -- was that
- 13 continuous or intermittent at any time?
- 14 A. There was break in working there when I was
- 15 called back to the military for the Korean conflict.
- Q. And how long was that break?
- 17 A. 16 months.
- 18 Q. Do you remember what year that was?
- 19 A. 1950, October of 1950 until the last day of
- 20 February of '52.
- Q. All right, sir. Where is Garcia Trucking
- 22 located?
- 23 A. In Fairmont City.
- Q. Illinois?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. And has the entire time that you were working
- 2 at Garcia, was that where it was located?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Is it located there today?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. What -- what is the business of Garcia
- 7 Trucking?
- 8 A. They were in the chemical hauling business at
- 9 that time, and I don't know if they're in -- they must
- 10 be in some other kind of hauling, too, now, but at one
- 11 time they were like a rental truck for a corporation or
- 12 something where you hauled stuff around their yard and
- 13 delivered stuff, and then they would deliver chemicals,
- 14 acid, sulfuric acid mostly.
- 15 Q. What about the exact time frame when you
- 16 worked there? Were they in the business of hauling
- 17 chemicals only?
- 18 A. No. When I first started working there, we
- 19 hauled coal and ice, and we hauled around them plants.
- 20 Q. I'm sorry. What kind of ice?
- 21 A. Coal and ice. Coal and ice.
- Q. That was in the late '40s?
- 23 A. Yeah. They started hauling chemicals in the
- 24 '50s, and whatever year I'm saying, I -- I wouldn't
- 25 really know. I'll be honest with you. It's been 50

- 1 years ago, and I can't remember too well on that.
- Q. Okay. But the bottom line is they weren't
- 3 hauling chemicals from the day you got there?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. They were hauling ice and coal?
- 6 A. Ice and coal and -- and delivering stuff like
- 7 rock and stuff like that. It was dump truck business
- 8 at that time.
- 9 Q. Were you a truck driver for Garcia?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Was that for your entire tenure there?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You never were a dispatcher or anything like
- 14 that?
- 15 A. No, sir.
- Q. What about before Garcia? Where did you work
- 17 before Garcia?
- 18 A. Well, I was in World -- I worked at a
- 19 railroad, and then I went in the service for World War
- 20 II in 1943, and I got out in '46, and I went back to
- 21 work at the railroad, and then when I got laid off
- 22 there, I went to work for Garcia.
- Q. What railroad, sir?
- 24 A. Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Q. Was that located in Illinois?

- 1 A. And some color -- some people had their
- 2 colors orange. Some people had it red. Some people
- 3 had them white.
- Q. Now, sir, did you personally haul anything
- 5 out of the American Zinc Sauget plant other than
- 6 sulfuric acid?
- 7 A. Yes. We used to haul clean up there to take
- 8 to the dump.
- 9 Q. Okay. What do you mean by clean up?
- 10 A. Whatever they cleaned up on the floors and
- 11 stuff like that, that went to the dump.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, these -- these clean up haulings,
- 13 when did you start -- I'm sorry. Strike that.
- 14 When did Garcia Trucking start hauling these
- 15 plant clean ups to the dump for the American Zinc plant
- 16 in Sauget?
- 17 MR. MOLLETT: Objection. Foundation.
- 18 Q. (By Mr. Hobbs) I'm sorry. Let me ask a
- 19 different question. When did you start hauling these
- 20 clean ups from the American Zinc Sauget plant to a dump?
- 21 A. In 1947. '48. '48. I take that back.
- Q. Okay. And do you remember approximately the
- 23 last time that you would have hauled these clean ups
- 24 from the plant in Sauget to a dump?
- A. 1960s sometime. Sometime in the '60s because

- 1 after that all I did was haul chemical, the acid.
- Q. Okay. Now, when you made these haulings of
- 3 these plant clean ups in Sauget, what kind of truck did
- 4 you use?
- 5 A. A regular dump truck.
- 6 Q. Now, did that have a permanent device on it
- 7 to hold these materials, or was it something where they
- 8 had to load a dumpster pan on the back of the truck?
- 9 A. We hauled it bulk. They dumped it with a pay
- 10 loader or tractor or whatever you want to call it on
- 11 the back, and you just took it to the dump and dumped
- 12 it.
- 13 Q. Now, these trucks that you hauled these plant
- 14 clean ups from, that you hauled these plant clean ups
- 15 with from the Sauget plant of American Zinc, were they
- 16 a specific color?
- 17 A. No. Not -- our trucks were red all the time.
- 18 Q. Okay. All right. Did they have Garcia
- 19 written on them or anything?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. Now, do you know whether any other Garcia
- 22 employees were making these runs to the dump with
- 23 American Zinc clean ups?
- 24 A. Well, not that I recall. Emil would be the
- 25 only one, Emil or Charlie, and they're both in the

- 1 A. You know, I really don't know if it was part
- 2 of the dump or right at the edge of the dump, but it
- 3 was right in that vicinity.
- Q. Are you familiar with any other dumps in the
- 5 Sauget area?
- 6 A. There were -- they had another one at the
- 7 river over by -- they had a power plant, and it was
- 8 just south of the power plant.
- 9 Q. So that would be to the west of Route 3?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And south of the power plant?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And did either of these two dumps have names?
- 14 A. Well, we called them Sauget dumps. I don't
- 15 know what they -- what they got on record on them, but
- 16 Leo Sauget owned them, the way I understood it.
- 17 Q. Why is that your understanding?
- 18 A. Because he hired the employees to -- that
- 19 worked the dump.
- 20 Q. Is this just what you heard or --
- 21 A. That's what the guy that was -- that was at
- 22 the dump. He told me that's who he was employed by.
- Q. Leo Sauget?
- 24 A. Leo Sauget.
- Q. Who was the quy -- I'm sorry. Which guy at

- 1 the dump -- which dump are you referring to when you
- 2 say the guy at the dump?
- 3 A. Either one.
- Q. Do you remember any specific individuals that
- 5 used to work at either dump?
- A. No, I don't. Whatever I'd say, I'd be
- 7 guessing, and matter of fact, that one guy at the one
- 8 dump was so old, if he was still living, I think he
- 9 would be 160 years old.
- 10 Q. All right. Now, sir, you talked about two
- 11 dumps in Sauget, one near the Sauget City Hall?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And the other south of the power plant on the
- 14 west side of Route 3, correct?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. And you have personally been to both
- 17 of those dumps?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Do you recall any other dumps in that Sauget
- 20 area?
- 21 A. That is the only two I know of.
- Q. You don't know of a dump near the Cerro
- 23 Copper plant?
- 24 A. Well, that one behind the City Hall was right
- 25 near the Cerro Copper plant.

- 1 dump?
- 2 A. Yes. There was some barrels that were stored
- 3 at the -- right there by the shanty that when you went
- 4 in, they had some barrels there with lids on them.
- 5 What was in them, I don't know.
- Q. Did you -- were you able to see any names or
- 7 any writing on any of the barrels?
- 8 A. Not that I can recall.
- 9 Q. Did you ever observe any liquids in the dump
- 10 on any of the occasions you were there, and again, I'm
- 11 talking about this facility behind City Hall.
- 12 A. No, I didn't. I can't recall seeing any
- 13 liquids whatsoever. Matter of fact, even after a rain
- 14 I never seen no water sitting.
- 15 Q. You probably testified about this, and I came
- 16 a little late. I missed the years of your employment
- 17 with Garcia. When did you commence employment there,
- and when did you cease to be employed there?
- 19 A. I started there in 1947, and with the -- I
- 20 left -- when they called me back for the military --
- 21 they called me back to the Navy in 1950, and I got out
- 22 in '52. I went back there, and then I worked there
- 23 until either the end -- the last of '60 or the first of
- 24 '70. I can't recall when it was. It was in that area
- 25 somewhere. I could -- it could be three or four years

- 1 either way, let's put it that way.
- 2 Q. And did you retire at that time or did you go
- 3 on to work for --
- 4 A. I worked -- I worked at other places. I
- 5 worked at International Shoe for six or seven years.
- 6 Then I worked for Ryder PIE. When I retired, it was
- 7 PIE.
- 8 Q. After you left Garcia, did you have any
- 9 occasion to be taking any more loads to the dump behind
- 10 City Hall?
- 11 A. No, I didn't. The city -- that dump was
- 12 closed before I left Garcia. They started using the
- 13 other dump by the river.
- MR. HOBBS: I'm sorry, Mike.
- Whoever is on the speaker phone with the
- 16 typing, could you please hit mute? Thanks.
- 17 Q. (By Mr. Fisher) Is there any kind of way that
- 18 you can pinpoint in terms of time when you think that
- 19 particular dump behind City Hall was closed?
- 20 A. If I was going to take a -- take a wild guess
- 21 at it, I'd say '60, '62, in that vicinity. If I was
- 22 going to take a guess, if you want me to guess at it.
- MR. MOLLETT: I'm going to interpose an
- 24 objection just that he's admitted it's a wild guess.
- 25 Subject to that.

- 1 Q. (By Mr. Fisher) Do you have any recollection
- 2 as to when City Hall was built?
- 3 A. No, I don't.
- 4 Q. I don't know for sure, but assuming City Hall
- 5 was built sometime in the -- in or about 1955, if that
- 6 were -- if that were the case --
- 7 A. Well, if the -- if the City Hall was built in
- 8 1955, the dump was closed already.
- 9 Q. That's what I'm trying to find out. Was the
- 10 dump closed by the time City Hall was completed?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. When you testified about observing Wagner
- 13 washing out trucks, and you remember testifying about
- 14 seeing that on occasion?
- 15 A. Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. Was that before the dump was closed because
- 17 didn't you testify that you observed that on your way
- 18 to the dump behind City Hall?
- 19 A. Do you know, I think he was still washing
- 20 after City Hall was built. I don't know. Come to
- 21 think of it --
- Q. What I'm trying to find out is from when to
- 23 when do you believe you ever observed from the first
- 24 time to the last time Wagner washing out any trucks?
- 25 A. See, before he moved there across from City

- 1 questions for you, too. I'll try and make it quick.
- When you hauled materials to the dump, was
- 3 there any kind of paperwork that you had to have? Did
- 4 you get kind of a dump ticket or a bill of lading or
- 5 anything like that?
- 6 A. No, there wasn't. I don't know if they had
- 7 some contract with the trucks that went in there that
- 8 paid for the dumping or how that was handled.
- 9 2. So you don't -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 10 A. The business part of it I don't know a thing
- 11 about.
- 12 Q. When you were at the dump, am I understanding
- 13 your testimony correctly that you never dumped anything
- 14 at the dump that we've been talking about near where
- 15 the village hall was built after the village hall was
- 16 built; is that correct? Do you understand the
- 17 question?
- 18 A. Yeah. I never dumped there. Before they --
- 19 when they started work on the City Hall, I don't know
- 20 if we were dumping there at that time. I'll be honest
- 21 with you.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. I think we started on the river before then.
- Q. So you don't recall dumping at that dump once
- 25 the village hall was built?

- 1 A. Oh, I don't think -- I never did.
- 2 Q. Okay. Now, you testified that you saw some
- 3 trucks from Cerro at -- at the dump, correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And this is the dump located near where
- 6 village hall was ultimately built?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. How did you know they were Cerro trucks?
- 9 A. Their name was on it.
- 10 Q. What did -- was it on the door or on the body
- 11 of the truck? Where was it?
- 12 A. The door. Cerro Copper.
- Q. Cerro Copper?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. He may have asked you this, and if he did, I
- 16 apologize. Do you remember the color of the trucks or
- 17 the color of the lettering?
- 18 A. No, I don't.
- 19 Q. And what kind of trucks did you say they
- 20 were?
- 21 A. They were regular dump trucks.
- Q. Did you ever see any tank trucks at the -- at
- 23 the dump there by the landfill -- by where the village
- 24 hall was built?
- 25 A. No, I never did. If they took them there,

- 1 A. I don't. I wouldn't have the slightest idea.
- 2 Q. But fewer than the times you saw the other
- 3 trucks?
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. I know that didn't make much sense, but --
- 6 A. Yeah. Between them and the steel casting,
- 7 they -- and -- they come in the least of any of them.
- Q. Yeah. That's what I was trying to get at.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 Do you know the approximate time frame -- I
- 11 know that we've gone around and around about the time
- 12 frame you were going to this particular dump, and when I
- 13 say that, I'm talking about the dump behind City Hall,
- 14 when you would have seen these yellow trucks, any idea?
- 15 A. I don't have the slightest idea.
- Q. Whether it was at the beginning of the time
- 17 that you were going to the dump or --
- 18 A. I don't know if it was the beginning or in
- 19 the middle or the end or what.
- 20 Q. Okay. Were you continuing to go to that --
- 21 that dump behind City Hall after City Hall was built
- 22 or --
- 23 A. No.
- Q. -- did you say you couldn't remember?
- 25 A. I don't -- I never did go there after the

- 1 City Hall was built. I don't know if it was closed or
- 2 what, but I don't -- I remember them building City
- 3 Hall, but I think the dump was just on the verge of
- 4 closing. I don't know for sure.
- 5 Q. Okay. You testified that you did not know
- 6 what was in the trucks; is that correct?
- 7 A. No. I don't -- I didn't know what was in any
- 8 of the trucks.
- 9 Q. Did you see them being emptied?
- 10 A. They just dumped them. Now, whatever come
- 11 out of them, I don't know.
- 12 Q. Did you ever talk to any of the drivers?
- 13 A. No. Never did.
- 14 Q. And I think Mr. Hobbs asked you this, but did
- 15 you ever visit the facility or have occasion to go on
- 16 the facility of Moss Tie?
- 17 A. No. I never did. I didn't know -- I just
- 18 heard it was a messy place. That's all they ever said.
- 19 Q. Okay. But you never visited there?
- 20 A. I never was there myself.
- MS. WUNDERLICH: Great. Thank you.
- MR. HOBBS: Roger?
- 23 MR. EDGAR: I have no questions.
- 24 EXAMINATION BY MR. MOLLETT:
- Q. Hi, Mr. Markezich. We've been introduced,

- 1 but my name is Greg Mollett, and I represent American
- 2 Zinc Company and Blue Tee Corporation.
- 3 At the beginning Mr. Hobbs spoke to you about
- 4 how important it was that you understood his questions.
- 5 I just want to remind you that it is very important that
- 6 you understand my questions. If I ask you a question
- 7 that you don't understand, will you please tell me so?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. And if I ask you a question and you answer
- 10 that question, I will take that to mean that you
- 11 understood my question. Is that all right with you?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. Thank you. When you talked about the
- 14 time that you worked for Garcia Trucking, I believe you
- 15 said you started there in 1947. Was that accurate?
- 16 A. That is accurate.
- 17 Q. After that you talked about when you recalled
- 18 the last years that you worked there. Can you tell me
- 19 when was the last year that you remember working for
- 20 Garcia Trucking?
- 21 A. You know, I don't know. I can't -- I'd have
- 22 to go home and look through all my papers or something.
- 23 That's the only way I'd be able to tell you.
- Q. So as we sit here today, you don't have a
- 25 recollection of that?

- 1 A. I don't have a recollection.
- 2 Q. Between the time that you started and the
- 3 time that you stopped working for Garcia, whatever date
- 4 that was, do you remember any gaps in your employment
- 5 with Garcia?
- 6 A. Yeah. When I was in the military.
- 7 Q. Okay. You did tell us about the military,
- 8 and I think you mentioned recently that you were laid
- 9 off from Garcia at some point?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Was that during this period?
- 12 A. That was during that period.
- 13 Q. Okay. Other than the military service and
- 14 the time you were laid off, can you think of any other
- 15 gaps in your employment with Garcia?
- 16 A. No, I can't. Nothing -- nothing that I could
- 17 think of.
- 18 Q. Let's talk first about the military service.
- 19 That was during, I think you said, 1950 and February of
- 20 1952; is that correct?
- 21 A. Yeah. That was the second time. The first
- 22 time was '43 to '46.
- 23 Q. Okay. So your first term in the military was
- 24 before you came to work at Garcia?
- 25 A. That is correct.

- 1 Q. And you had one term in the military, one
- 2 period in the military after you worked for Garcia?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. Was I correct on those dates, I'm
- 5 sorry, 1950 to February of 1952?
- 6 A. Exact dates would have been October --
- 7 October 27th, 1950 to February 29th, 1952.
- 8 Q. And during that period that you just told us
- 9 about, did you ever enter the American Zinc property
- 10 during this period you were in the military?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Do you know the period during which you were
- 13 laid off from Garcia Trucking?
- 14 A. No, I don't. You know, I -- I can't -- I
- 15 can't remember to save my soul.
- 16 Q. Aside from trying to remember a specific
- 17 date, do you have any recollection as you sit here
- 18 today when during your employment the layoff occurred?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. I can't -- I can't recall exactly. I -- I
- 22 coulc not even round it. I'm -- I'd just be guessing.
- Q. That's fine. I don't want you to guess. Do
- 24 you remember if it was before you went into the
- 25 military in 1950?

- 1 A. No. It was after. After I come back from
- 2 the second time.
- 3 Q. Okay. So it was --
- 4 A. It was -- it had to be after 50 -- in the
- 5 '50s. Well, let's see. I got out in '52. I got
- 6 married in '54, and it was after that.
- 7 Q. Okay. If that's as good as you can do,
- 8 that's all I'm asking for, sir.
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Do you remember how long you were laid off?
- 11 A. Not too long. I don't know. I believe it
- 12 was just -- it wasn't -- it wasn't too long, I don't
- 13 think. Two months or so. I'm just guessing. I might
- 14 be wrong.
- 15 Q. Just your best recollection is all I'm
- 16 asking.
- 17 A. It wasn't too long, I'll put it that way.
- 18 Q. During the time that you were laid off from
- 19 being a Garcia employee, did you have any occasion to
- 20 enter the American Zinc plant site?
- 21 A. No. I never was on the property. I -- when
- 22 I -- when I was laid off, I never was on any property
- 23 that I went on while I was employed.
- Q. As you sit here today, do you remember even
- 25 an approximation of the last time you personally were

- 1 on the American Zinc plant site?
- 2 A. Well, I'll tell you what. Last time I can
- 3 remember is when it -- when American Zinc went to Amax,
- 4 right about then, whatever year that was. It might
- 5 have been a little bit after that, but it was in that
- 6 area. When they sold out to Amax -- I guess it was
- 7 Amax, yeah.
- 8 Q. Do you remember why you were on the plant
- 9 site on that occasion that you're recalling?
- 10 A. I was still working for them at that time, I
- 11 believe.
- 12 Q. You were still working for Garcia?
- 13 A. I think so. I don't know for sure. I
- 14 believe I was.
- 15 Q. While you were working for Garcia, do you
- 16 remember if you ever did any work for Amax?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 O. You don't remember or --
- 19 A. I never done none.
- Q. You didn't do any work for Amax?
- 21 A. I never did none. Richard Ramirez did that
- 22 job at that time.
- 23 Q. That's another co-worker of yours --
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. -- at Garcia Trucking? I have written down

- 1 that you said that you began hauling from the American
- 2 Zinc Sauget plant site non-liquid materials in 1948; is
- 3 that correct?
- 4 A. That is correct, yes. That's when they --
- 5 MS. ANDERSON: Object. Sir, do you recall
- 6 saying non-liquid materials?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Repeat.
- 8 MS. ANDERSON: He has written down that you
- 9 said non-liquid materials. Do you recall saying
- 10 non-liquid?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- MS. ANDERSON: Okay.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah. In 1948 I recall
- 14 non-liquid materials, and that was nothing but dump
- 15 truck service in the plant. That was in '48, now.
- MR. MOLLETT: Right.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Because we did not haul liquids
- 18 until '50 something. I forget exactly.
- 19 Q. (By Mr. Mollett) As best you recall your
- 20 period working for Garcia Trucking before you started
- 21 removing liquid material from the Sauget plant site,
- 22 were there any other Garcia employees who drove dump
- 23 trucks onto the American Zinc plant site?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you remember the names of those people?

- 1 unloaded it there. They would tell you where to go.
- 2 In other words, you was under orders from somebody all
- 3 the time. You didn't go where you wanted to. You did
- 4 what they told you to do.
- 5 Q. During the times that you drove a dump truck
- 6 onto the American Zinc plant site, do you remember
- 7 seeing other trucks on the plant site that were labeled
- 8 as something other than as a Garcia truck?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. As best you recall what materials were in
- 11 your dump truck when you left the American Zinc plant
- 12 site, you don't remember there being any liquid
- 13 material involved?
- 14 A. Not that I know of.
- 0. You testified -- I'll withdraw that.
- 16 Can you tell me if at some point in time you
- 17 went -- when you would remove dump trucks of material
- 18 from American Zinc's plant site you stopped going to the
- 19 area which you've identified on Exhibit 1 as the dump?
- 20 Was there a time when that happened, you stopped taking
- 21 material to the area you marked as the dump site?
- 22 A. Yes. I don't know what year it was, but we
- 23 started to go down here on the river.
- Q. I believe you already talked about the
- 25 best -- the closest we can approximate in time is your

- 1 best recollection today that you stopped coming to this
- 2 dump site after the City Hall was built; is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Yeah. I was never at that dump when they
- 5 started building the City Hall. That -- at that time I
- 6 never did go there again.
- 7 Q. Can you describe for me the location of the
- 8 other dump other than the one you've marked as --
- 9 marked on Exhibit 1?
- 10 A. It's over by the river.
- 11 Q. Can you be any more specific based on your
- 12 recollection today?
- 13 A. No. Union Electric is right -- let me get
- 14 that map right there. Right here.
- MR. HOBBS: Whose -- Roger, he wants to look
- 16 at your map. Do you mind?
- MR. EDGAR: No.
- MR. HOBBS: Do you want to mark that?
- 19 Q. (By Mr. Mollett) Do you want to look at the
- 20 map and see if there's anything on here that would help
- 21 your testimony?
- 22 A. Yeah. This is it.
- MR. HOBBS: Okay. Can we pause a second and
- 24 mark this as an exhibit, sir?
- 25 Is that all right with you?

- 1 MR. EDGAR: Sure.
- MR. HOBBS: You're happy to help.
- 3 MR. EDGAR: I'm happy to help.
- 4 MR. HOBBS: Mark that as what, Exhibit 3.
- 5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was marked for
- 6 identification.)
- 7 MR. HOBBS: Do you mind if I introduce it?
- 8 MR. MOLLETT: No.
- 9 MR. HOBBS: For the record, I'm going to hand
- 10 Mr. Markezich a map or a diagram he spotted himself on
- 11 the deposition table here, and we've marked it
- 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 for Mr. Markezich.
- Q. (By Mr. Mollett) Mr. Markezich, before you
- 14 start pointing, I want to ask you. Have you had a
- 15 chance to take a look at what's been marked Plaintiff's
- 16 Exhibit 3?
- 17 A. Yes, I have.
- 18 Q. And aside from reading how this document may
- 19 or may not be labeled, do you recognize what appears to
- 20 be depicted on this exhibit?
- 21 A. Yes. Right --
- 22 Q. Let me ask you my question again before you
- 23 refer to the exhibit. I was asking you if you could be
- 24 any more specific in describing the dump that you spoke
- 25 about other than the one that was on Exhibit 1.

- 1 Looking at this map, does that help you be more
- 2 specific?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- 4 Q. Can you use this pen and mark on the exhibit
- 5 where your best recollection is that that dump was
- 6 located?
- 7 A. At that time it was located along here.
- 8 Q. You've just written the word dump on Exhibit
- 9 3; is that correct?
- 10 A. And underlined it.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection of the
- 12 size of that dump at the time you last went there?
- 13 A. When I -- the last time I was there, it was a
- 14 large one.
- 15 Q. Do you remember when you were last there?
- 16 A. It was in the '60s, I'll guess. I don't
- 17 know.
- 18 Q. The last time that you were there, were you
- 19 still a Garcia employee?
- 20 A. Yes, and I ain't been there since. Oh. I
- 21 take that back. I was there the other -- a couple
- 22 weeks ago. I rode with a farmer. Right where the dump
- 23 used to be is a -- is a grain elevator now.
- Q. So you're talking about within the last
- 25 couple of weeks of this deposition?

- 1 A. Yeah. I took a ride with him, and he took a
- 2 load of grain there.
- 3 Q. So your recollection is there's a grain
- 4 elevator in 2002 in approximately the location --
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. -- where the dump was when you worked for
- 7 Garcia Trucking --
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 O. -- is that correct? Aside from the two
- 10 things that are marked with the words dump, one on
- 11 Exhibit 1 and one on Exhibit 3, were there any other
- 12 places where you took material from American Zinc?
- 13 A. Nope.
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- MR. EDGAR: Do I get to leave with my own map?
- MR. HOBBS: You know, Roger, I can make copies
- 17 of that.
- MR. EDGAR: Okay.
- MS. ANDERSON: Because I would love a copy of
- 20 that as an exhibit.
- MR. HOBBS: I think as the CMO we're supposed
- 22 to hold onto the exhibits at our deposition so I'd like
- 23 to make copies of it.
- 24 THE WITNESS: That's a good map.
- MR. EDGAR: I didn't know you were going to

- 1 place you've marked as dump on Markezich Exhibit 3,
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Thank you. You do not -- you personally
- 5 never dumped any material into a ditch other than the
- 6 areas that have been marked as dump, correct?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. And you do not have any personal knowledge of
- 9 anyone else taking any material from the American Zinc
- 10 plant site in Sauget and placing it anywhere other than
- 11 the two areas that have been marked dump, correct?
- 12 A. That is correct.
- 13 Q. Thank you, sir.
- MR. MOLLETT: Mr. Markezich, I don't have any
- 15 further questions at this time. Thank you for your
- 16 patience, sir.
- MR. HOBBS: Anyone on the phone have any
- 18 questions.
- 19 EXAMINATION BY MR. SEPESI:
- Q. Mr. Markezich, can you hear me?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Good. My name is Jeff Sepesi, and I
- 23 represent Mobil Oil Corporation. I have a few
- 24 questions.
- 25 You testified I think to a number of people

- 1 that you took materials to the Sauget dump near -- that
- 2 was near the City Hall, right?
- 3 A. That is correct.
- 4 Q. And you took it there before the City Hall
- 5 was built, as best of your recollection?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Was this before or after you went back into
- 8 the service in 1950?
- 9 A. This was after.
- 10 Q. Okay. So did you ever go to this dump before
- 11 you went back into the service?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So you went to the dump both before and after
- 14 you were in the service?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. I believe you testified that you saw
- 17 at some time trucks for Mobil; is that right?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. And how did you know they were Mobil trucks?
- 20 A. It was written on their door.
- Q. Okay. Were they any particular color that
- 22 you recall?
- A. You know, what keeps on coming back to me is
- 24 blue, and I might be wrong.
- Q. Okay. But that's your -- that's your

- 1 A. A-L-C-O-A, I think. I believe they're there
- 2 now.
- 3 Q. Sir, you also mentioned that you heard
- 4 certain things from Wagner drivers; is that correct?
- 5 A. That's right.
- Q. Do you remember any of the names of any of
- 7 the Wagner drivers that you knew?
- 8 A. No, I don't. All I knew is their nickname,
- 9 and I don't know where you'd look it up. We called him
- 10 bad eye, so I don't know if --
- 11 Q. Bad eye?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. That's not very nice.
- 14 A. That -- I don't think that would go too good
- 15 if you got information from the telephone operator I
- 16 want to talk to bad eye.
- 17 Q. I don't think so, either. Finally, when you
- 18 were talking to Mr. Mollett, you mentioned -- I think
- 19 you mentioned the American Zinc Company became Amax; is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A. That is right.
- 22 Q. You -- you personally never did any hauling
- 23 for Amax, though; is that correct? Is that what you
- 24 said?
- 25 A. That is correct.

- 1 Q. But you said that your -- your friend Richard
- 2 Ramirez --
- 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. -- he hauled for Amax?
- 5 A. He hauled -- he worked for Amax, but he
- 6 hauled when it was Amax.
- 7 Q. Okay. How do you know that?
- 8 A. I knew him.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. He was my neighbor.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you have any personal knowledge as
- 12 to what he was hauling or where he was taking it?
- 13 A. He hauled the same stuff I hauled, but they
- 14 didn't go to City Hall. They went to the river.
- 15 Q. How do you know that?
- 16 A. That's what he told me.
- Q. Did you ever see him load up his truck --
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. -- and take it to the river?
- 20 A. No. Just all my -- all my things with him
- 21 are hearsay from him.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And I can't go counteract him now because
- 24 he's buried, too.
- 25 Q. I understand. Now, were you working for

- 1 Garcia at the same time that Mr. Ramirez told you that
- 2 he was hauling for Amax? Were you at the same company
- 3 at the same time?
- 4 A. I'm -- no. I think -- I don't believe so. I
- 5 believe I -- I went to work right about then for
- 6 International Shoe or something. I don't know when
- 7 that was.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. That's all I can recall about that.
- 10 MR. HOBBS: That's all the questions I have.
- 11 Thank you, sir.
- 12 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. ANDERSON:
- 13 Q. Sir, I just have a couple more questions, and
- 14 I think it'll be helpful to get some clarity on all the
- different exhibits that have been shown to you today.
- 16 I want to start by making certain that I have at least
- 17 the right date for when you started working at Garcia
- 18 Trucking. That was in 1947?
- A. 1947, but I don't know what month.
- Q. That's okay. The year is fine. And I think
- 21 you've been asked a couple of times today when you
- 22 stopped working at Garcia, and as best you can recall,
- 23 it was sometime in the '60s?
- A. Or early '70s or something. Right around
- 25 then. I'm just going to --

- 1 Q. Okay. And so that anything you testified to
- 2 so far as to any material going to any dump was not
- 3 from Amax?
- 4 A. That is right.
- 5 MS. ANDERSON: That's -- objection. That's --
- 6 that's not what he testified to. Can you just repeat
- 7 the question? I just want to make certain that he
- 8 understood your question.
- 9 Q. (By Ms. Carey) Okay. You never hauled
- 10 anything for Amax; is that correct?
- 11 A. I -- I think I -- I think I -- I believe I
- 12 hauled liquid -- liquid acid for them, sulfuric acid.
- 13 Q. So -- for Amax?
- 14 A. But I never did haul to the dump for Amax.
- 15 Q. Okay. The product was sulfuric acid?
- 16 A. Yes. I believe I hauled that from there.
- 17 Q. So nothing you hauled from Amax would have
- 18 gone to any dump?
- 19 A. No. I did not haul anything from there.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you recall where you hauled the
- 21 product, sulfuric acid, to?
- 22 A. Yes. Granite City Steel.
- Q. Okay. And I know you testified that you
- 24 weren't quite sure, but do you remember your last date
- 25 of -- the last date you were employed by Garcia?

- 1 A. No, I don't. That was in 19 -- I don't know.
- 2 30 years ago or so.
- 3 Q. So if I asked you if it was after 1972, you
- 4 wouldn't -- would you know?
- 5 A. I wouldn't know. I'll tell you what. You
- 6 can -- I'll give you my Social Security number. You
- 7 can write to them people, and they can give you my
- 8 employment dates.
- 9 Q. Thank you. That won't be necessary.
- 10 MS. CAREY: That's all the questions I have
- 11 right now.
- 12 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. ANDERSON:
- 13 Q. Just -- just one more question, sir.
- 14 Didn't you state more than once today that
- 15 your neighbor hauled for Amax?
- 16 A. That's right.
- 17 Q. And that your neighbor hauled to the dump
- 18 near the river for Amax?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
- MR. HOBBS: Anyone else?
- 22 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. CAREY:
- 23 O. I'd just like to follow up that you don't
- 24 have any firsthand knowledge of anything from Amax
- 25 going to the dump; is that correct?

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- 1 A. Just what I heard.
- MS. CAREY: Thank you.
- 3 MR. HOBBS: Okay. Before we close, I want to
- 4 make sure that Exhibits 4 and 5 are properly marked.
- 5 The witness wrote 4 and 5 on 4 and 5.
- 6 THE WITNESS: So you wouldn't get them mixed
- 7 up.
- 8 (Markezich Exhibits 4 and 5 were marked for
- 9 identification.)
- MR. HOBBS: Mr. Markezich, when we get -- when
- 11 we're done with this, she's going to have a transcript.
- 12 The court reporter's going to have a transcript, and you
- 13 have the option, you have the right to review that
- 14 transcript to make sure there were no errors in what you
- 15 said being transcribed wrong or whatever, or you don't
- 16 have to. It's up to you. Is that something you think
- 17 you'd like to do? We'll send a transcript, and you can
- 18 decide.
- 19 THE WITNESS: You can send it. I don't know.
- MR. HOBBS: We'll send you a transcript, and
- 21 you can decide.

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